

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 1, lines 9-12 with the following:

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers 10/712,406 and 10/712,405 (pending), respectively entitled Gripper Conveyor with Clear Conveying Path and Related Conveyor Link, and Conveyor with Gear Mechanism Gripper and Related Conveyor Link, filed on even date herewith and owned by assignee of the present application.